

PERMIT GUIDE FOR DECK ADDITIONS



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The Office of Permits and Inspections
Talbot County, Maryland

Building Permit

- A building permit is required prior to construction of a deck in Talbot County. A building permit application may be obtained from the Talbot County Office of Permits and Inspections located at 215 Bay Street, Suite 3, Easton, Maryland. Applications are accepted between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday – Friday. A fee for a building permit is based upon the value of the deck construction project. Each applicant is required to fill out the **entire** building permit application and sign and date the bottom.

Site Plans

Submit **four (4)** Site Plans showing the following: drawn to a standard engineering scale of 1"=10', 1"=20', 1"=50', etc. with scale noted on plan.

- The site plan and all existing and proposed structures and improvements including accessory utility equipment (ex: HVAC, generators) shall be drawn to the same scale.
- Location and dimensions of all roads, easements, property lines and natural features.
- Setbacks from property boundary lines, shorelines,

streams, and wetlands to the proposed structure(s).

- All structures shall be shown on site plans and be properly labeled in order to be accepted.
- The location of the existing septic system and the Sewage Disposal Area (SDA) if applicable. Include the location of the septic tank(s) and the location of the distribution system (tile fields & distribution box or dry well). ***If the applicant is unclear as to the location of the SDA, the applicant may contact the Office of Environmental Health to review the records. If an approved SDA exists on site, both the SDA and septic system must be shown on the plan.***
- The location of the well, labeled as existing or proposed.
- The location of the driveway, labeled as existing or proposed.

Construction Drawings

- **Three (3)** copies of the construction details which includes framing, foundation/footing, and railing, and stair details if applicable. **(If the deck is only one (1) story you can utilize our Typical Deck Detail Package which can be obtained at our office in lieu of submitting drawings).** If you have any building code questions please call the Office of Permits and Inspections plan review at 410-770-6840.
- For property served by well and/or septic systems, the County Environmental Health Department will review the project for compliance with appropriate setback requirements.
- An inspection is required after footing. A final inspection is required after the deck construction is completed. To request inspections, please contact the Office of Permits and Inspections at 410-770-6840.

- Construction must begin within 9 months and be completed within 18 months.
- A Certificate of Completion will be issued only after the project has passed all required inspections.

This brochure may not address all situations but is intended to provide general information for the permitting process.

Please contact the Office of Permits and Inspections at 410-770-6840 with any questions or our website for obtaining a permit package of requirements and application forms.

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